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Find your seats, ladies and gentlemen, and fasten your seat belts. We've got some great match-ups on tap this evening.

ESPN's Baseball Tonight is comin' at you.

Chris Berman here, with Dan Patrick on the commentary. And you? You're inside the stadium, on the field, in the game — right now. This is old-fashioned hardball with the big boys. Major league baseball — ESPN style!

In this a-mazing arcade-style version of our revered national pastime, you can choose any one of 28 Major League clubs, then take 'em into fan-tas-tic diamond action around the circuit. Pick the hot hand and launch a few rockets in Hotlanta... Play your heart out in San Francisco... Make some enemies in the Friendly Confines on Chicago's North Side.

Whichever team you manage it's all up to you. As your mother said when you took piano, it's "Practice, practice, practice." Show off your best in exhibition. Pull out all the stops in pennant-chasing competition. Then try to make it through the playoffs to baseball's ultimate challenge — The World Series!

But now, let's go to the action.



HANDLING YOUR SEGA CD DISC

- The Sega CD Disc is intended for use exclusively with the Sega CD[™] System.
- Do not bend it, crush it, or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
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STARTING UP

- For one-player ESPN Baseball Tonight, plug a Genesis Control Pad into the "Control 1" port on your Sega Genesis. Plug a second Control Pad into the "Control 2" port for two-player ESPN Baseball Tonight.
- Make sure that there's no game cartridge in your Sega Genesis System and follow all Sega CD System directions to activate your Sega CD System.
- If your system in already on, follow Sega CD System directions to open the Sega CD drive. Carefully place your *ESPN Baseball Tonight* CD game disc in the Sega CD System with the label side facing up. Close the CD door.
- 4. If your Sega Genesis System is turned off, place the *ESPN Baseball Tonight* CD game disc in the CD System with the label facing up, close the door, and turn on your Sega Genesis System.
- At the OPTIONS screen, you may select to have music and sound on or off. You must specify the number of Control Pads you have connected to the system. After making your selections, highlight EXIT and press the START button.



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NAMES OF CONTROL PAD PARTS

Control Pad









GAME CONTROL SUMMARY: OFFENSE

HITTING

TO SWING: Press the A Button. To swing high or low, hold the D Pad UP or Down while pressing the A Button.

TO BUNT: Press the B Button.

TO ADJUST BATTER'S POSITION: Press the D Pad RIGHT or LEFT.

BASE RUNNING

TO STEAL A BASE: Hold the D Pad in the direction of the base and press the C Button. To continue your advance through additional bases, continue to hold the D Pad in the direction of the next base and the C Button simultaneously.

TO RETURN TO A BASE: Hold down the D Pad to the base that the runner was previously on and press the B Button.

TO SLIDE: When approaching a base, press the C Buton to slide. If the D Pad is held down while pressing the C Button, the runner will advance without sliding.

LEADOFFS

TO LEAD OFF: Press the B Button and Press the D Pad UP

TO RETURN TO BASE OR (BAG): Press the B Button and press the D Pad DOWN.

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GAME CONTROL SUMMARY: DEFENSE

PITCHING

REGULAR SPEED PITCH: Press the B Button. To throw the ball high or low, hold the D Pad UP or DOWN after pressing the B Button.

FASTBALL: Press both the B Button and the D Pad DOWN at the same time.

CHANGE UP: Press both the B Button and the D Pad UP at the same time.

CURVE AND SCREWBALL: After pitching the ball, press the D Pad LEFT or RIGHT. To control height, press the D Pad UP or DOWN.

MOUND POSITION: Adjust your pitcher's position on the mound by pressing LEFT or RIGHT on the D Pad.

STAMINA: Over the course of the game, pitchers will tire. They will pitch with a little less control, a little less speed on the ball. Watch out for pitcher fatigue and make sure you bring in your relief accordingly.



VIEWING LEAD-OFFS: Hold the C button DOWN while pressing the D Pad LEFT or RIGHT to view the runners on the bases.

PICK-OFFS: To throw the ball to any base, press the A Button while holding down the D Pad as follows:

First Base: D Pad RIGHT. Second Base: D Pad UP. Third Base: D Pad LEFT. Home: D Pad DOWN.

To return the ball to the pitcher, press the A Button.

Notes:

- During the hitting and pitching modes, press the C Button to look at the line score, batter's statistics or the count (the number of strikes and balls).
- When runners are on base, the pitcher will automatically execute the "Stretch Pitch" to prevent runners from taking off early.
- Press the A Button to send second baseman to cover second base.

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FIELDING

Use the D Pad to position player on the "ball marker" (appears as a circular shadow to show where the ball is going to land) and the computer will make the catch for you. To throw the ball to any base, press the A Button while holding down the D Pad as follows:

First Base: D Pad RIGHT. Second Base: D Pad UP. Third Base: D Pad LEFT. Home: D Pad DOWN.

To return the ball to the pitcher, press the A Button.

Note: Under Game Play Options you can decide to have assisted fielding on or off. If you are playing with assisted fielding and the D Pad is touched after the ball is hit, you will automatically take control of the character.

If an infielder throws the ball to the pitcher, the pitcher must use the A Button to throw to another base. Press the B Button to pitch the ball.

TO DIVE FOR BALLS: Hold the D Pad in the direction you wish your player to dive, then press the C Button.

TO MAKE A JUMPING CATCH : Press the B Button.

TO PAUSE GAME/CALL UP LINE-UP SCREEN: Press the Start Button before the ball is pitched.

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GETTING STARTED

Press the Start Button at the ESPN's Baseball Tonight Title Screen to get to the Game Selection Screen.

GAME SELECTION



On the Main Options screen, press LEFT and RIGHT on the D Pad to change options. Press the D Pad UP and DOWN to highlight the play options listed, then press the Start Button to make your selection.

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The Main Options are as follows:

1-PLAYER GAME: Lets you play against the Sega CD System in either Exhibition, Season or Playoffs competition. You can also choose to play a 1-Player or 2-Player game by highlighting the "1-Player" option and pressing the D Pad LEFT or RIGHT to select the "2-Player" option.

2-PLAYER GAME: Lets you play against another person in either Exhibition, Season or Playoffs competition.

EXHIBITION PLAY: What a game! Not just baseball, but ESPN's Baseball Tonight. Choose a club and go into your exhibition mode. These games are full-out but strictly *off* the record. So now's your chance to test your team's limits as well as the skills of your competition.





PLAYOFFS COMPETITION: Talk about a great matchup! This, folks, is it! In 1-PLAYER mode, you choose a team to take into the playoffs for either the National League or the American League pennant. If you win the pennant, the Sega CD System determines the outcome of the other league's playoffs. You will then go up against that team in the World Series.

ESPN Baseball Tonight gives you the option to choose between playing a 2 Division League or a 3 Division League. Make your choice at the Game Play Options Screen by scrolling down to "3 Division League" and toggling the D Pad left or right to make your selection. Then press the Star Button to confirm your selection.

Note: For 1 or 2 player Exhibition Play, game play is unaffected.

PRACTICE MODE: Trim your sails, or somebody may do it for you! Before you race for the pennant, you may want to get some batting practice. Press the C Button to toggle between pitching and batting practice. Press the Start button to exit the practice mode.

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SEASON MODE: Now you're playing in the big leagues! Play the whole 162 game season if you wish or adjust the season to the length that you want. If you choose this

mode, you will bring up the Season Calendar. When the Season Calendar comes up, use the D Pad to scroll through the months in the season. Press the C Button once you have selected a



month when you want to begin and use the yellow highlight cursor to pick the game day you want. In Season Mode you can choose any point in the season where you want to start (only moving forward), and you will go to that game. Based upon many attributes, the computer will simulate how your team did in the games in-between the game you last played and the current game selected. In other words, you potentially play one game out of every month and the computer will play the others for you.

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When Chris Berman comes back up, Season Mode gives you the additional menu option of Standings. In Standings you can see complete, updated

batter, pitcher, game and team statistics for the whole season. Press the Start Button to exit the Standings Mode. Upon completion of any Season, if you have ranked high enough, you will move on to the World Series.

HOME RUN DERBY: Here's your chance to really rip the cover off the ball! You get fifteen pitches to show your stuff with your favorite team.

Note: On the 15th pitch, if the player hits a home run, he gets another pitch. This repeats until the player fails to hit a home run.

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One or two players can go up against the pitching machine. Do well, and you just might be labeled a major leaguer! Here's the controls:

A Button - Swing the bat

B Button - Bunt

C Button - Try the Home Run Derby again

Start Button - Exit back to the options screen



GAME PLAY OPTIONS

This brings up another menu of choices for setting up play as you want it.

Sound ON/OFF: Turns sound on and off.

Video ON/OFF: Turns movie segments on and off.

Difficulty EASY/MODERATE/HARD: Selects game play difficulty.

Assisted Fielding ON/OFF: Instructs the computer to move player fielders toward a hit ball until it is caught or the player presses the D Pad.

Player 1 HOME/AWAY: Allows a player to choose a Home or Away game in exhibition play. This option has no effect in Regular Season, Playoff or World Series play.

3 Division League/2 Division League:

Allows a player to choose between the newer 3-division league or older 2-division league structure. This option is used when entering the Playoffs or playing an Exhibition game. It has no effect on Regular Season games.

Reset Season: Allows a player to restart a regular season and reset the teams' statistics for that season. Remember that choosing this option erases your current season information.

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LEAGUE SELECT SCREEN

Here it is: Time to pick between the National League and the American League. And of course you gotta pick your division as well. Press the D Pad LEFT or RIGHT to cycle through the various League and Division selections. Then press the A Button to enter that selection. You'll go straight to the Team Select Screen.

Note: To cancel your selection and return to the League Select Screen, press the B button.





SELECTING YOUR TEAM



You have 28 teams in this game, and any one of 'em is yours for the managing. To make a team selection from your Division, press the D Pad LEFT or RIGHT to cycle through the various selections, and press the A Button to enter that selection.

ESPN SPORTSCENTER UPDATE



Press the Start Button following the team selection and we'll take you straight to the ESPN SportsCenter Screen, where yours truly, Chris Berman will announce your game.

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LINE-UP SCREEN

Let me tell ya, ladies and gentlemen: It all starts here, with the line-ups.



The Line-Up Screen appears when you choose your team. The Line-Up Screen shows a roster of all the members of your team, arranged in batting order. Along with each player's number,

you see his position, current condition, handedness, and his stats. To view all of the stats associated with the players, use D Pad RIGHT and LEFT. To view your Bullpen and Bench rosters, press the B Button.

You can view the opposing teams line-up by pressing the C Button. To return to your line-up press either the START Button or the C Button.

If you decide to change your starting line-up, you can exchange the players' positions in the batting order by using the D Pad UP and DOWN to highlight the first player you want to swap. Pressing the A Button selects this player. Then using the D Pad UP and DOWN again, highlight the second player and press the A Button. The two players will have exchanged positions in the batting order.

NOTE: This is only allowed before entering the game.

BENCH

This screen displays your reserve players.

BULLPEN

This displays your pitching staff — relievers and starters.



IN THE GAME

On the Main Game Screen, here's where you can get important information on your current game:



GAME STATUS

RADAR MAP

RADAR MAP: Indicates the current location of fielders, runners on the bases, and the ball.

GAME STATUS: This display appears automatically when a run is scored.

INNINGS: Displays current inning of the game.

TEAM STATUS: Displays the team names and shows the current total of runs, hits, and errors of each team.

RADAR GUN: Located at the bottom left of the screen, a number will appear if the ball is not hit after every pitch to indicate the actual MPH of the pitch.

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MAKING A PLAYER SUBSTITUTION

To make a substitution in your lineup, use the D Pad UP and DOWN to highlight the player in the lineup you wish to replace. That player's number and stats will then appear at the bottom of the screen. Next, press the B Button to move either the Bullpen or Bench Screen and highlight the player you wish to place in your lineup. This player along with the player you wish to remove from your lineup, will appear at the bottom of the screen. Press the A Button to make the substitution. If a game has started, the player who was on the lineup screen is removed from the game. If this is done before the game, the player will be placed back on the bench or in the Bullpen and will be available for later use.

Press START to return to the game.



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3 DIVISION LEAGUE PLAYOFFS BRACKET



Select "Enter Playoffs" after you have selected the 3- Division League. Once one player has selected his/her league and division, the other player is forced to choose another division within the same league. The playoffs bracket appears as follows: Eight teams are represented; four from the National League and four from the American League. These four slots correspond to the East, West and Central Divisions as well as the Wild Card (the team from the remaining non-division champions that has the best record in the league).

Player #1's selected team will appear in the top position of the upper bracket. The second slot in that branch will be filled by Player #2 (if any) or by the computer. The remaining slots in the brackets will be rounded out by teams from the appropriate divisions and leagues, including the wild card slots. The computer-selected teams can be changed by the player to any other team within that same league and division (a player may not, for example, replace a team from the National League Central with one from the National League East, unless that slot is filled by a wild card).

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2-DIVISION LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST

WEST



Boston **Red Sox**



Detroit Tigers



Milwaukee Brewers







California Angels



Ŕ Kansas City Royala, Royals









Mariners





2-DIVISION LEAGUE PLAYOFFS BRACKET



Select "Enter Playoffs" after you have selected the 2- Division League. Once one player has selected their league and division, the other player is forced to choose another division within the same league.

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The playoffs bracket appears as follows: Four teams are represented, two from the National League on the top half of the bracket and two from the American League on the bottom half of the bracket.

East plays West in both leagues — Player #1 vs. computer or Player #1 vs. Player #2. The computer determines the outcome of the other portion of the bracket, and the outcome of these two matches in a 7-game series (Player match and computer match) determines the pennant winners. These two teams then meet in a 7-game series (the World Series) to determine the World Champion.



GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS *PLAYERS' POSITIONS*

Player Number designation of the player. Position Field position of the player.

- P Pitcher
- 1B 1st Baseman
- 28 2nd Baseman
- SS Shortstop
- 3B 3rd Baseman
- C Catcher
- RF Right Fielder
- CF Center Fielder
- LF Left Fielder
- DH Designated Hitter
- R Relief Pitcher
- P Starting Pitcher

BATTERS

- H Hits (L)eft or (R)ight Handed.
 HR Home Runs
 RBI Runs Batted In
 AB At Bats
 AVG Batting Average
- H Hits Total
- 1B Singles (one base hits)
- 2B Doubles
- 3B Triples
- SO Strike Outs
- BB Base on Balls (walk)

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PITCHERS

COND Condition of pitcher's fatigue Throws with (L)eft or (R)ight hand. H. Earned run average ERA W Wins Losses L SV Saves 1P Innings Pitched Games Started GS Hits Given Up H ER Earned Runs S0 Strike Outs BB Base on Balls (walks)

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